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**VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL**

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Re: Progress Report No. 1 – July 2011  
Newtown Creek Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

Dear Ms. Kwan:

Anchor QEA is submitting this monthly progress report for the Newtown Creek Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) on behalf of the Respondents to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (Settlement Agreement or AOC). As set forth in Section 42 of said Settlement Agreement, this progress report is divided into the following areas:

1. Actions taken to comply with the Settlement Agreement during the previous month
2. Results of sampling and tests and all other data received by Respondents to the Settlement Agreement during the previous month
3. Problems encountered and anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address actual or anticipated problems or delays
4. Work planned for the next two months with schedules relating to the overall project schedule for RI/FS completion

***1. Actions Taken to Comply with Settlement Agreement during Previous Month***

- The AOC was signed on July 7, with an effective date of July 18.
- The draft Community Involvement Plan (CIP) was submitted to EPA on July 14.
- A conference call was held with EPA on July 18 to discuss development of a website for the project.
- A letter notifying EPA of the Respondents' designation of Project Coordinator for the RI/FS was submitted on July 21. EPA's acceptance of this designation was provided via e-mail on July 25.
- A letter notifying EPA of the Newtown Creek Group's designation of Liaison Counsel was submitted on July 21.
- A draft project schedule/Gantt chart was provided to EPA on July 22.
- The draft Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) was submitted to EPA on July 22.
- A letter notifying EPA of the City of New York's designation of Liaison Counsel was submitted on July 26.
- Preparation of several supporting plans was initiated. These plans include the Health and Safety Plan (HASP), Field Sampling and Analysis Plan (FSAP), Data Management Plan (DMP), Data Collection Plan (DCP) and Cultural Resources Stage 1A Work Plan (CRS).
- Planning for Remedial Investigation (RI)-related field activities was initiated.

***2. Results of Sampling and Tests and Other Data Received by Respondents during Previous Month***

- None.

***3. Encountered and Anticipated Problems and/or Delays, and Solutions Developed and Implemented to Address Them***

- None.

***4. Work Planned for the Next Two Months with Schedules Relating to the Overall Project Schedule for RI/FS Completion***

- Submit draft supporting plans (HASP, FSAP, DMP, DCP, CRS) to EPA.
- Discuss and resolve any EPA comments on the draft supporting plans.
- Begin development of various technical memoranda, including:

- Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment (SLERA) Evaluation Technical Memorandum
- Reference Site and Background Location Selection Memorandum
- Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) and To Be Considered (TBC) Memorandum
- Modeling Approach (1) Memorandum
- Begin development of the Newtown Creek project website.
- Continue planning for RI field activities.

If you have any questions regarding this progress report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (201) 571-0912 (e-mail: [jquadrini@anchorqea.com](mailto:jquadrini@anchorqea.com)).

Sincerely,



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